

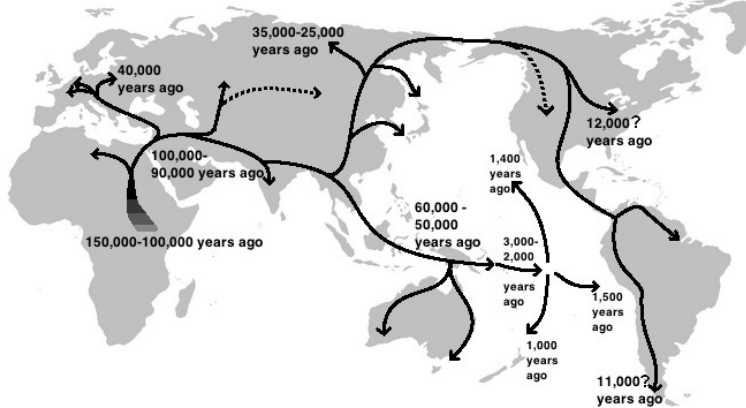
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Reading Guide: Unit 1 Prologue to History (Page 3-7)

1. What is bipedalism and why was it important?
2. What does the term "hominid" refer to?
3. What did *Homo Habilis* begin to do around 2.3 million years ago, that began to set them apart from others of its species?
5. Name two important things that *Homo Erectus* is known for.

6. What was the only surviving hominid species?

7. What major migration in history is the map below referring to? _____



8. What does the term "Paleolithic" refer to? (include the time period, literal meaning, as well as a description of what it generally refers to)
9. What revolution marks the single most significant and enduring transformation of the human condition? Why?
10. In early food production, much of it depended on the luck of the draw regarding what conditions?
11. What were the most prominent and powerful human communities to emerge from the first Agricultural Revolution?
12. Around what time period did the first cities start to emerge?
13. What are the six separate places in which the earliest civilizations arose (use the book, not the map)?

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____



14. What does BCE stand for? What term did it take the place of?
15. What does CE stand for? What term did it take the common place of?

Unit 1, Chapter 1

First Peoples: Populating the Planet to 10,000 BCE - Reading Guide

I. Chapter Introduction (pg. 11-12)

- 1) What was the method of food acquisition by which human beings survived during the **Paleolithic** (Old Stone Age) era?

II. Out of Africa to the Ends of the Earth: First Migrations (pg. 12-20)

- 2) Where was the first place modern humans (*Homo Sapiens*) appear to have lived? How long ago?
- 3) Identify a few examples of the earliest artifacts that we view as evidence of uniquely human activity.
- 4) About when did humans begin to migrate out of Africa to new locations?
- 5) How did the last Ice Age actually help humans reach distant parts of the Earth?
- 6) About when did humans first arrive in each of the following regions?
 - a) Middle East
 - b) Europe
 - c) Australia
 - d) America
 - e) The islands of the Pacific Ocean
- 7) How did humans cross from **Eurasia** to **America**?
- 8) How did human settlement of the Pacific islands differ from earlier human migrations?

III. The Ways We Were (pg. 20-24)

- 9) Describe the common size and organization of Paleolithic human societies.
- 10) Did Paleolithic bands move randomly?
- 11) What was the average life expectancy of Paleolithic humans?
- 12) Describe the ways in which Paleolithic people interacted with and altered their environments.
- 13) Based on the evidence we have available, what can we say about the religious beliefs and religious practices of Paleolithic humans?
- 14) About when did humans in NE Africa start to collect wild grains?
- 15) About when did the last Ice Age end? What effects did this have on human societies?